

District Court Judge

Shawn D. Traini, Third Judicial District



STATEMENT:

I am grateful for the honor and opportunity to serve the people of Alaska. I strive to follow the constitution and the laws of Alaska. I work hard to ensure that all parties are treated with courtesy, respect and dignity. I try to consider each case in an impartial and thoughtful manner and render a judgment according to the law.

In addition to my regular duties, I serve as one of the judges for the Palmer Wellness Court. This therapeutic court has helped many individuals change their lives from the struggles of addiction. I also serve as the judge for juvenile justice matters in the Mat-Su region.

I will be honored if the voters allow me to continue my service to the State of Alaska.

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AGE: 51

PLACE OF BIRTH: Grissom Air Force Base, Indiana

SPOUSE’S NAME: Kelley A.Traini

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 38 years

ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:
Anchorage and Eagle River 1971-1994
Palmer and Wasilla 2007-present

EDUCATION:
Bartlett High School (Diploma 1988) University of Alaska Anchorage (AA 1990) Utah State University, (BS, Finance 1996) University of Utah, College of Law (JD 1999)

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:
Deputy Public Defender, 1999-2001 Deputy
Prosecutor, 2001-2007 Assistant Municipal
Prosecutor, 2007 Assistant District Attorney, 2007-2019

SPECIAL INTERESTS:
Family Activities, Cooking, Fishing, and Hunting.

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Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

Judge Shawn Traini, Palmer District Court

The Alaska Judicial Council finds Judge Traini met or exceeded performance standards, and recommends a **“YES”** vote for another term in office

Judge Traini was appointed to the Palmer District Court in December of 2019. Judge Traini handles criminal and civil cases. This is his first retention evaluation.

Summary: After conducting its performance review, the Judicial Council determined that Judge Traini met or exceeded performance standards on all criteria, including legal ability, integrity, impartiality/fairness, temperament, diligence, and administrative skills. The Council further concluded that Judge Traini complied with judicial ethics standards.

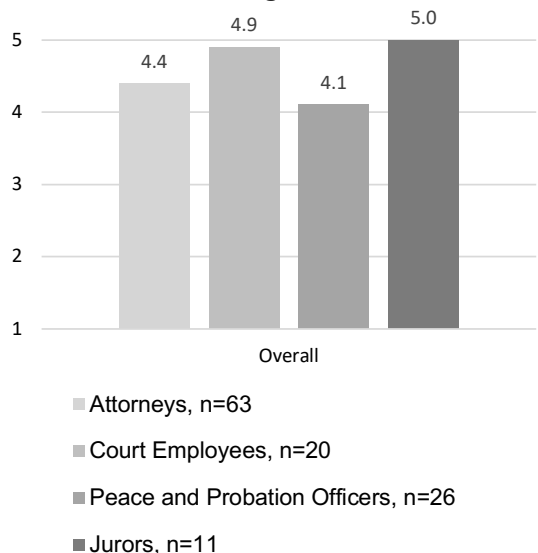
The Alaska Judicial Council therefore **recommends a “yes” vote** to retain Judge Traini in office.

Survey ratings: Attorneys and peace and probation officers who appeared before Judge Traini gave him excellent reviews, as did court employees and jurors. One juror commented, “He remained calm and collected. Very respectful judge.” The chart shows some of the survey ratings received by Judge Traini. Complete survey ratings are available at www.ajc.state.ak.us.

Professional activities: The Council’s review of Judge Traini’s professional activities showed positive contributions to the administration of justice and his community. Judge Traini made contributions in the areas of therapeutic courts, working group service, and community outreach. A detailed list of Judge Traini’s professional and community activities is posted at www.ajc.state.ak.us.

Other performance indicators: The Council reviewed other performance indicators for Judge Traini, including financial and conflict of interest statements, whether pay was withheld for an untimely decision, how often parties disqualified him from cases, and appellate reversal rates. Judge Traini performed well in these areas.

Justice System Professionals' Survey Ratings for "Overall" Job Performance for Judge Traini



Rated on a scale from 5 (excellent) to 1 (poor)

*Judges are rated by different groups depending on caseloads.

Find this judge’s full performance evaluation at www.ajc.state.ak.us